

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : John J. ROSSI *et al.*  
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**APPLICANTS' SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiners for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview held on 8 March 2010. Applicants and the Examiners discussed the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Agami *et al.* (US 7,241,618) taken with Doglio *et al.* (US 5,837,503) in further view of either Yu *et al.* (*Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **99**:6047-6052, 2002) or Ambros (*Cell* **107**:823-826, 2001). Applicants pointed to disclosures in the prior art of active inhibitory RNA within the VA1 transcript, without cleavage and any processed intermediate. The Examiners emphasized reliance on the structural limitations of the product claims and any inherent activity corresponding to the structures. No agreement was reached with the Examiners.

Respectfully submitted,

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